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Aspen Group, Inc. Set to Join the Russell Microcap® Index

NEW YORK, June 20, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aspen Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:ASPU), a postsecondary education company, is set to join the Russell Microcap® Index at the conclusion of the Russell US Indexes annual reconstitution, effective after the US market opens on June 25, according to a preliminary list of additions posted June 8.

Membership in the Russell Microcap® Index, which remains in place for one year, means automatic inclusion in the appropriate growth and value style indexes. FTSE Russell determines membership for its Russell US Indexes primarily by objective, market-capitalization rankings and style attributes.

"Inclusion in the Russell Microcap Index underscores the progress we are making to increase shareholder value and make higher education affordable again for students across the United States," said Chairman and CEO, Michael Mathews. "We are very pleased to be considered and expect that our addition will help us further increase our visibility with the investment community and institutional investors."

Russell US Indexes are widely used by investment managers and institutional investors as the basis for index funds and as benchmarks for active investment strategies. Approximately \$9 trillion in assets are benchmarked against Russell US Indexes. Russell US Indexes are part of FTSE Russell, a leading global index provider.

For more information on the Russell Microcap® Index and the Russell US Indexes reconstitution, go to the "Russell Reconstitution" section on the [FTSE Russell website](#).

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About Aspen Group, Inc.:

Aspen Group, Inc. is a publicly held, for-profit post-secondary education company headquartered in New York, NY. It owns two accredited universities, Aspen University and United States University. Aspen Group's vision is to make college affordable again in America.

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